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Attached is an informal Examiner's Amendment entered into the application to update the references to similar co-pending patent applications filed by the Applicant that were mentioned but in the specification, but wherein the serial numbers were left blank in the originally-filed specification.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Page 5, line 25 of the specification, "Utility Application Serial No. _____" should be replaced with --Utility Application Serial No. 09/917,402--.

In Page 5, line 29 of the specification, "Utility Application Serial No. _____" should be replaced with --Utility Application Serial No. 09/917,399--.

In Page 6, lines 1-2 of the specification, "Utility Application Serial No. _____" should be replaced with --Utility Application Serial No. 09/917,401--.

In Page 6, line 5 of the specification, "Utility Application Serial No. _____" should be replaced with --Utility Application Serial No. 09/917,276--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Yam whose telephone number is (571)272-2449. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on (571)272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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